

Sarasota, Florida -- Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) is in El Paso, Texas today to examine border security. The Congressman is visiting the U.S. Mexico border to meet with U.S. border patrol agents and inspect technology used by the Department of Homeland Security to protect the border.

“One of the issues I hear most about from my constituents is illegal immigration,” said Buchanan. “Securing our borders is the first step to addressing this important issue. This trip will allow me to see first-hand what is being done to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and what more needs to be done.”

Buchanan is examining security technology, meeting with patrol agents and K-9 units along the border. The El Paso sector is responsible for four international border crossings, one airport, and two rail crossings and is credited with a 38% reduction in apprehensions from fiscal year 2006 to fiscal year 2007.

Buchanan will hold a press availability at 10: 30 a.m. on Monday, May 12 to discuss what he has learned on his trip to examine border security. The press availability will be held in the Sarasota District Office, 235 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 201 in Sarasota.

Who: Congressman Vern Buchanan

What: Press availability regarding border security trip

When: 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12

Where: Sarasota District Office, 235 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 201 in Sarasota